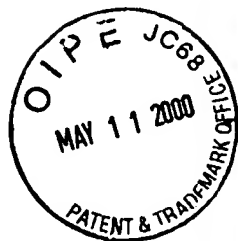


2323-127
SAS:elp

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of)
Mark T. KEATING et al.)
Serial No. 09/258,217) Examiner: Shin-Lin Chen
Filed: 26 February 1999) Group Art Unit: 1633
For: MICE WHICH ARE +/- OR)
-/- FOR THE ELASTIN)
GENE AS MODELS FOR)
VASCULAR DISEASE)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 2 February 2000 for one month from 2 May 2000 to 2 June 2000. Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

By Stephen A. Saxe
Stephen A. Saxe, Ph.D.
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 38,609
ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, p.c.
Suite 701-E, 555 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
Telephone: (202)783-6040

05/12/2000 SDUONG
01 FC:215

00000178 09258217
55.00 OP

Dated: 11 May 2000
127.EOT